

Fund 306

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

Focus

This fund supports Fairfax County's annual capital contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA). The NVRPA was created in 1959 under the Virginia Park Authorities Act to provide a system of regional parks in the Northern Virginia area. The NVRPA currently operates 19 regional parks and owns 10,256 acres of land, of which more than 7,700 acres are in Fairfax County. Parklands within the system include: Bull Run, Bull Run Marina, Fountainhead, Sandy Run, Pohick Bay, Carlyle House Historic Park, Potomac Overlook, Upton Hill, Algonkian, Red Rock, the W&OD Trail, Occoquan, Hemlock Overlook, Cameron Run, Gateway, Meadowlark Gardens, Ball's Bluff, Temple Hall and Brambleton. In addition, the NVRPA administers extensive regional historic and conservation properties throughout Northern Virginia. These community resources are supported primarily from the annual contributions of its six member jurisdictions: the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun, and Arlington, and the cities of Fairfax, Alexandria and Falls Church. Each member jurisdiction's contribution is in direct proportion to its share of the region's population. In the past decade, the entire population served by the NVRPA grew to 1.5 million residents and is expected to approach 2.0 million by 2020.

The primary focus of NVRPA's capital program is to restore, renovate, and modernize existing park facilities, many of which were developed or constructed more than 20 years ago. Additional elements of the capital program include land acquisition, the development of interpretive and educational displays, and the adaptation of park features to meet the needs of the disabled. In its conservation efforts, NVRPA is also involved in implementing portions of the Environmental Quality Corridors concept, which defines an open space land system designated for long-term protection in the County. In this role, NVRPA places emphasis on the acquisition of shoreline properties along the Potomac, Bull Run and Occoquan Rivers, while the Fairfax County Park Authority concentrates on acquiring land along the County's interior stream valleys.

Many accomplishments during recent years include: the development of specialty gardens and 1.5 miles of trails, restoration of the 18th century log cabin, expansion of the green house and maintenance building at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens; construction of an aquatic habitat and new picnic shelter at Brambleton Regional Park; installation of a new floating boat dock at Pohick Bay Regional Park; expansion of the maintenance facility and renovations to Pohick Bay Golf Course; conversion of the swimming pool to a water park with specialty slides and play features, construction of the maintenance facility, and a new paved trail system at Algonkian Park; acquisition of 55 acres adjacent to Ball's Bluff Regional Park; trail realignment and widening, and bridge and wayside improvements throughout the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park; addition of a fishing pier at Fountainhead Regional Park; pool building renovations at Cameron Run; a new high ropes course and meeting shelter at Hemlock Overlook; as well as ongoing renovations and upgrades to existing roads, parking and restroom facilities, and modification of existing features to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

On November 3, 1998, the voters approved a \$12.0 million bond referendum to support the Board of Supervisors' plan to sustain a County capital contribution to the NVRPA for six years at a rate of \$1.5 million per year for two years and \$2.25 million per year for four years. FY 2004 represented the last year of bond funding associated with the 1998 referendum. All authorized bonds associated with the Fall 1998 referendum have been sold.

In FY 2005, General Obligation bond funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 is included pending approval of a Fall 2004 Park Bond Referendum in the amount of \$10 million for Fairfax County's capital contribution to the NVRPA. FY 2005 represents the first year of County contributions associated with the 2004 referendum. This referendum would support a level of \$2.5 million per year for four years and would be used to address major renovation projects such as the repair and renovation of existing, aging facilities, new roofs for 20-year-old buildings, road repairs, new plumbing, new filter systems for older swimming pools and similar work to preserve and repair existing facilities, land acquisition, expansion of existing facilities and new specialty features to meet the needs of the region.

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Changes to FY 2004 Adopted Budget Plan

The following funding adjustments reflect all approved changes in the FY 2004 Revised Budget Plan since passage of the FY 2004 Adopted Budget Plan. Included are all adjustments made as part of the FY 2003 Carryover Review and all other approved changes through December 31, 2003:

- ◆ There are no revisions to this fund since approval of the FY 2004 Adopted Budget Plan.

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FUND STATEMENT

Fund Type G30, Capital Project Funds

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	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Adopted Budget Plan	FY 2004 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2005 Advertised Budget Plan
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
Sale of Bonds ¹	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,500,000
Total Revenue	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,500,000
Total Available	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,500,000
Total Expenditures	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,500,000
Total Disbursements	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$2,500,000
Ending Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

¹ In the fall of 1998, the voters approved a bond referendum totaling \$12.0 million to support the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) capital construction program. There are no more bonds authorized from the Fall 1998 Bond Referendum. The proposed Fall 2004 Bond Referendum includes an amount of \$10.0 million to sustain the County's contribution to the NVRPA at a rate of \$2.5 million each year for four years. Pending the approval of the Fall 2004 Bond Referendum, funding has been included in FY 2005 in the amount of \$2.5 million.